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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF BOLO POINT ENCROACHMENT

- 1946 -- Inhabitants of Yomitan-son return to their village following the end of war and post-war screening for possible Japanese stragglers.
- 1947 -- FBIS began conducting site survey at Bolo Point.
- 1948 -- Yomitan-son residents unaware of military landusage requirements.
- 1950 -- FBIS began operation at the present Bolo Point site.
- 1951 -- Usage of kerosene lanterns for night illumination began to be practiced in Yomitan-son.
- 1952 -- Nine structures were constructed by villagers who owned land in the area leased by FBIS. These structures were essentially squatter homes built on land owned by the squatters but at the same time being leased by FBIS.
- 1955 -- Ryukyuan power company started distribution of power to homes in Yomitan-son. FBIS refused to permit use of electricity to houses in the antenna field due to elecmagnetic interference.
- 1956 -- Three more structures were built in the antenna field since 1952.
- 1956 -- FBIS is requested to reconsider its position towards restricting use of electricity in the houses located on FBIS-leased property.
- 1956 -- FBIS prefers not to order eviction of squatters from its antenna field property.
- 1958 -- New contract between FBIS and land owners.

- 1958 -- (August) Approval was given by FBIS for villagers to use land for farming, etc. without electricity and no new construction.
- 1962 -- Bureau proposed to erect a fence along the north, east and south boundaries of the property to prevent encroachment by farmers. The proposal was made to the Real Estate Division of the District Engineers. (There is no documentation that this approach was followed up).
- 1963 -- Clandestine use of electricity in two dwellings was uncovered through an inspection by District Engineers personnel.
- 1966 -- On July 7, 1966 Okinawa Times published an article entitled "Tragedy of a Base Village" which brought attention to the plight of families living in FBIS antenna field.
- 1967 -- Permission granted to antenna field residents to use electricity on limited basis.
- 1971 -- (Nov.) Mayor of Yomitan requested permission to build new road in antenna field. FBIS gave permission but restricted use to farmers.
- 1971 -- (Dec.) Newspaper article on FBIS ban on fluorescent lights and some appliances in homes in antenna field. FBIS gave permission for use of appliances providing FBIS could assist in installation.
- 1972 -- 15 May Reversion Day 52 acres released by A.F. to GOJ.
- 1974 -
 - 76 DFAB notified of various encroachments discovered in FBIS antenna field by Army engineers (i.e. pigpens, green house and tombs) and requested to remove same.